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TWO STAKES SET FOR THIS WEEK AS FEATURES AT DELMAR COURSE

Memorial Handicap Will Be Run To-Morrow With a High-Class Field Carded to Start. While the June Handicap Will Be the Attraction Next Saturday—Eastern Habit of Laying Claim to Good Western Horses Is Noteworthy.

Written for the Sunday Republic.
Two stakes will be decided at Delmar this week—the Memorial, five and one-half furlongs, and the June, a mile and seventy yards. Both are handicaps, the weights in the Memorial having been already published, while those in the June Handicap will be given out Thursday morning.

Both races have exceptionally good fields. The added money is the same in each—\$1,500—and it is worthy of comment that the management of the Delmar and Fair Grounds tracks has this year increased the added money in all the old \$1,000 stakes to \$1,500.

The class of horses scheduled for the local season, therefore, is higher than has ever before been the case, the money being up here for the horses this year being more than double that ever before offered in any one season in the history of racing in St. Louis. The racing element has done its share to furnish good attractions to the world's fair visitors.

All the crack sprinters hereabouts, headed by the great Dick Welles, are eligible to the Memorial. Dick Welles will not start, but even without him a crack field of sprinters should contest for the prize, which should be worth something like \$2,000 to the winner. The most likely of the field are Sylvia Talbot, Ice Water, Scorpia, Frank Bell, Two Lick, Hille, Ben Adkins, Irish Jewel, Blisful, Ed Austin and Blythe.

There is a big bunch of good ones eligible to the June Handicap. Warre Nicht, Pettjohn, Deutschland, Charlie Thompson, Pett Mason, Bas d'Or, Injunction, Lucian, Neversuch, The Regent, Spencerian, Dan McKenna, Forehand, Ancke, Jack Young and Joe Lesser holding out the chance of a magnificent race.

Westerners are now waiting for the East to claim The Picket as an Eastern horse. It is strange that every time a good horse goes from West to East, and makes good, he is immediately adopted. McChesney and Rummels are now Eastern horses and The Picket will have to be added to the list of adopted sons. By the same token, if Gold Heels continues to train along and bear out his owner's hopes, he will have to be called a Western horse.

It looks as though they never will decide on definite starting rules in the East. Starters are constantly being instructed how to do their work. One day the stewards will want the "walk-up system," used so successfully here for the last three years by Starter Dade, put into force. Then Fitzgerald will make a batch of it, and they will order the standing start.

HOW THE PICKET'S VICTORY AFFECTS THE WORLD'S FAIR HANDICAP

American Derby Winner Picks Up Eight Pounds as Result of His Win of the Brooklyn Handicap Last Thursday—Mike Daly's Good Fortune Last Year, When The Picket Was Withdrawn From St. Louis Derby.

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Grand a race as was the eighteenth renewal of the Brooklyn Handicap, won Thursday by The Picket, it left many questions open for further adjudication and added interest to the world's fair handicap, to be run at the Fair Grounds, June 25.

Of much greater richness in money value than the Brooklyn Handicap, the race has a more representative lot of horses eligible to it than yesterday's race, and, under the sliding scale of penalties for stakes won after the publication of weights, The Picket will have to face a more disadvantageous allotment when he comes to St. Louis.

If he can take up the eight pounds penalty he earned by his brilliant victory in the Brooklyn and still lead Irish Lad, Hermis, McChesney, Gold Heels and that lot to the wire, then he must be acclaimed the greatest horse ever known to the American turf.

In the world's fair handicap, The Picket and Irish Lad, whom he only beat by a head yesterday, will face each other at even weights. Yesterday Irish Lad was conceding The Picket seven pounds. A switch, which, under the ordinary methods of figuring form, would turn the scale decidedly in favor of Irish Lad. But it must be remembered that Irish Lad has already been to the races this year, while The Picket had not, and it is generally believed that the first race will materially help a horse.

If The Picket can improve seven pounds over his race of Thursday he will be entitled to all the honors accruing to the greatest horse in training.

The Picket was a practically unknown quantity to within a couple of weeks of the American Derby of last year. Then reports of his phenomenal speed, shown in his trials for the St. Louis Derby, began to leak out.

He worked so fast that Mr. Jungbluth, his owner, decided to save him for the American Derby, rather than risk ship-

ping the colt from Chicago to St. Louis right on the eve of a great race, hence he did not start at St. Louis, a bit of luck for which Mike Daly should be grateful, as The Picket handily disposed of Claude, winner of the St. Louis event, a week later, and would undoubtedly have beaten him at St. Louis.

Then he went East and showed brilliant form, but when he hooked up with McChesney in the Second Special at Gravesend, Big Mac gave him five pounds and beat him as he pleased.

Taking that race as a guide, it looks as though he had McChesney, who was giving him but seven pounds under the Eastern scale Thursday. His victory last December was so decisive that it looks as though he should have been able to concede the two additional pounds asked of him and still beat the son of Falsetto.

That question, however, will hardly be decisively answered until the great world's fair handicap. With the penalty of eight pounds according to the sliding scale, The Picket will have to concede McChesney one pound under the Eastern scale and two pounds under the Western scale, when the pair hook up here next month, as both are regarded as practically certain starters.

Ed Corrigan has released Trainer Scott Williams, having given the horses which he had in charge to Jim Devlin, who had the Rice Brothers' horses here last year, and who brought the same string here from New Orleans this spring. He and Mr. Sire had some sort of a falling out up here, and Devlin resigned. He went to Kansas City, saw Corrigan and was immediately engaged.

George Walker, the best trainer John Schorr ever had, and one of the best men with a horse ever seen on Western tracks, is now training a stable of horses in Germany. He has called Jockey Monk Coburn a flattering offer to go over there to ride. Coburn, because of his irregular habits, has hardly ever got a mount in this country, and will probably accept. At times he is a great rider, and should have a brilliant season in Europe.

Ed Ryan is going to try to campaign Old Hutch again. This good son of Waukegan broke down at New Orleans winter before, while being campaigned there by Willie Martin. He has been at Ryan's farm all winter, but has been sent to Willie Martin to be trained. If he will stand up he is a great horse. He holds the four-and-one-half-furlong record on the Fair Grounds track, having made it when he was a 2-year-old in the stable of Turney Bros. in 1901.

WOMAN HER OWN DETECTIVE.

Causes Arrest of Man She Suspects of Robbing Her.

Written for the Sunday Republic.
New York, May 28.—Frank Kline, 40 years old, of No. 24 East Eighty-third street, was held in \$1,000 bail in Morrisania Court, charged with robbing Mrs. Margaret Fournay of No. 279 Webster avenue.

Mrs. Fournay alleges that Kline engaged a room at her house, made arrangements to have a piano placed in the parlor and then asked her to wait on him.

After leaving, Mrs. Fournay said, she missed a diamond ring and a wedding ring valued at \$5. She kept waiting and saw Kline in a trolley car. A policeman arrested him.

Jim Mason returned Thursday from Pittsburgh, where he went in the hope of inducing Eddie Hamilton to make a match with McChesney. As the provisions of Hamilton's bout with McGovern preclude the possibility of the Westerner taking up another match prior to his fight with Terry, Mason had his trip for nothing.

The bout of Thursday will be preceded by a contest between one of the Borens now at the world's fair and an English boxer from the same exhibit. The Briton is Captain George Kerr.

Jim Scanlan's showing was so disappointing last Thursday that little comment was made upon it. He simply was beaten to pieces in short order by Schreck. His showing was such as to cast serious doubts on the ability of the Australian "champs" he defeated while on a tour to the Antipodes.

The story that he was intoxicated while in the ring was denied, both by Scanlan and by a statement which Doctor Parrish made to Charley Haughton, manager of the club. The doctor said that he saw no evidences of liquor on Scanlan, and believed that he had merely become dazed from hard punching.

Haughton referred to the bout between Schreck and Cyrons Kelley, and said that Schreck had dazed many a man by his punching power in previous battles. The bout was preceded by a rather clever exhibition in which Nick Scanlan easily disposed of Sport Sullivan, knocking the latter out in the first round.

Frankie Neil possibly will be a visitor in this city shortly, and his victory over Tommy Moore at Chicago last Friday was decisive enough to indicate that he has lost none of his punching power since his trip from San Francisco.

Detailed descriptions of the battle show that Neil was not hit in the two minutes that the bout lasted. He simply contented himself with blocking the blows sent him, responded by body punches with plenty of force behind them, and then knocked his man out with hard rights and lefts to the jaw.

Neil's stomach work has always been a strong card with the bantam champion. His ability to send in rights and lefts in short order has weakened many a strong little fighter, the Forbes brothers in the number. He knocked them both out without much difficulty.

If he is put on locally it may be against Abe Attell. This would be a high-class battle, but it is somewhat doubtful whether Neil wants to fight Attell. He has expressed a willingness to battle Johnny Regan here, and this fight may be arranged—or he may be brought here to go on with Harry Forbes.

These last contests ought to be well worth seeing, and as Regan has a draw with him, it looks as if that bout should come first.

NEW YORK CLUBS TO SEND ALL-STAR TEAM OF ATHLETES FOR A. A. U. CHAMPIONSHIPS.



The track and field championships of the A. A. U. to be held at the World's Fair Stadium Thursday, Friday and Saturday, will be the most interesting and largest meeting ever held under the auspices of that organization.

One of the features of the meet will be the match race between Arthur E. Duffey, the Georgetown University sprinter, who holds the world's record of 29.2 for the 100 yards, and William Shick of Harvard University, holder of the Harvard-Vale dual meet record for the 100 yards, 30.4-5.

The coming meeting of these two kings of the sprinting path gives promise of a possible new world's record in the 100-yard dash. At the Eastern intercollegiate championships in 1902, Shick pushed Duffey so hard that the latter in his effort to beat the Harvard boy made a new record in the final heat of the 100-yard dash.

Since that time Shick has been unable to meet Duffey, when in good condition, the Harvard man having been injured early last spring. He entered the intercollegiate meet suffering with a strained tendon. This season, however, both Shick and Duffey are in prime fettle and Shick has already covered the distance under 19 seconds.

At the recent Harvard-Vale meet, held at Cambridge, Mass., Shick won the hundred in 29.4-5, and the 220-yard dash in 21.4-5. Duffey is prepared for a grueling race at the stadium, for he has already been conceded that the sprinter who wins the final heat for the hundred at the senior championships will do better than 29.4-5. The entry list of the junior and senior championships includes the names of the best athletes in the world, both in the field and track events. From New York alone seventy-five athletes will journey to the stadium to uphold the supremacy of Eastern men, while, on the other hand, teams from Chicago, Milwaukee, Colorado

and individual entries from California will dispute the claims.

Not only are civilian athletes interested in the outcome of the championships, but army men have sanctioned the entries of the entire track and field team of the United States Military Academy.

The latter team will be led by veteran athletes, including Charlie Daly, the old Harvard football player, and J. S. Hamilton, the military academy champion, who has a record of even time in the 100-yard dash.

The finest team of athletes ever interested in any contest, not even barring the foreign teams, is that which the New York Athletic Club has entered in the senior championships. World's record and intercollegiate record holder, the American champion, is entered in the five-mile race. F. Castleman, W. C. Love and E. L. Greene will compete in the high and low hurdles.

Notable among the New York entries are those of McLanahan, with a record of 1:07 in the pole vault; John R. Deane, Princeton's famous weight champion and football player; P. J. Walsh, champion in the 100 and 220 yard dashes; Harry Hillman, holder of the world's record for 40 yards run; Clapp of Yale, holder of the high and low hurdle records; C. Grant, holder of the American record for two miles, and the present American champion at one and two miles; H. V. Valentine, the half-mile champion of America, and W. E. Schutt, the holder of the intercollegiate record, 11:1. Gard-

ner, the intercollegiate pole vaulter champion; S. S. Jones, T. J. Mahoney and E. Chase will compete in the high jump. In the 40 yard S. A. Ralph of Syracuse and C. E. T. Schrage of Columbia will compete. J. A. Taylor of Columbia College is entered in the half mile. Harvey Cohn in the mile, C. Naismith in the two-mile and W. G. Frank in the five-mile.

C. Bacon, the junior champion, is going in the half-mile senior and George Donahue, the indoor champion and holder of the world's record, is entered in the two mile. John Joyce, the present American champion, is entered in the five-mile race. F. Castleman, W. C. Love and E. L. Greene will compete in the high and low hurdles.

Henry Prinstein, the holder of the amateur world's record, will compete in the broad jump. Aside from these two all star teams who practically include all the prominent athletes of the Metropolitan district of the A. A. U., the other clubs who will be represented are: New West Side, Pastime, Naxlers and St. Georges. The Xavier A. A. has entered Carr, the well-known distance runner, and the Pastime will send Richard Sheridan, for the weight events. Flaw, the giant hammer-thrower from California, will compete in all of the weight events.

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land, was an interested spectator at the Mike Schreck-Scanlan bout of last Thursday. He formerly handled Tim Scanlan, cousin to Jim, and states that he never had more experience in his life than when trying to manage Tim.

"Tim is now on the police force in Pittsburgh, but he used to think he was a world-beater in the ring," said Jimmy, "and the time I had trying to control him would wear the average man out. I'll never forget the time he fought Harry Nickirk near Wheeling, W. Va.

"Tim had no money at the time, and I thought I would take him on according to the percentage basis. So I took \$100, paid for his training expenses, and when the time drew near for him to fight, took him to Wheeling and put him up at a hotel run by a friend of mine."

"This hotel was a regular \$1-a-day place, but I got him the best room there at a \$2 rate. He managed to beat Nickirk after the wildest time in the ring you ever saw. Some of the Irish brags at Wheeling commenced to bet on Nickirk, while Scanlan was sitting in his corner, and he got

GENTLEMAN RIDERS FOR DECORATION DAY AT UNION JOCKEY CLUB

Crack Amateur Horsemen of Canada and the Mississippi Valley Will Test Their Ability in the Saddle at the North Side Course—Horses, Weights, Riders and Their Possible Chances.

Written for the Sunday Republic.
Decoration Day racing at Union Park tomorrow will have as its feature what promises to be the best and highest class race for gentlemen riders ever run in the West. Nine good amateur jockeys will be mounted on nine sound horses capable of carrying weight and going a route in steady, if not speedy, fashion. The following will be the riders, horses and weights:

Horse and Rider Weight
Double O. F. E. Vetter of Louisville 125
Washington, H. H. Nichols of St. Louis 125
Boulevard, S. L. Crawford of Montreal 125
Broadway, W. A. Brown of Toronto 125
Hills Gate, Eugene Bartle of St. Louis 125
Mission, J. A. DeLong of St. Louis 125
Harris, N. Van Studdiford of St. Louis 125
Warner, Doctor E. A. Schaff of St. Louis 125
Puck, O'Brien, Horace Russell of St. Louis 125

Of the above gentlemen Mr. Van Studdiford is known as the crack amateur rider of the West. He has won every gentlemen's race he has competed in, save when Accolade, whom he was riding, fell over the first hurdle. Mr. Van Studdiford has repeatedly won on the horse who was not best, and is a superior gentleman rider.

He comes from an old St. Louis family. His father is Thomas Van Studdiford of Pike County, Missouri. His uncle, Charles Van Studdiford, is a well-known sportsman of St. Louis. Mrs. Grace Van Studdiford, the prima donna of "Red Feather," is Mr. Van Studdiford's aunt. He is 22 years old and weighs 130 pounds. Harman, the horse he will ride, is by Orme, son of Ormonde, and holds the mile record of England, 1:27.1-3.

Mr. Bartle, who will ride the fast Billy Gans, is another crack rider. He rode Gans before second to Mary Moore of Kinloch last year. Mr. Bartle is a superior finish winning for Mary Moore by a head. Mr. Bartle has long been a familiar figure on the polo field. He is a young man, light and a capital rider. He comes of an old St. Louis family, is a cousin of the Lacey Crawford, and a brother of Shelby Bartle of Cooper County.

Mr. Nichols is well known in St. Louis. His father is president of the Commercial Bank.

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Mr. Brown, who will ride Broadway, is the crack gentleman rider of that home of gentleman riders, Toronto. Mr. Brown is the champion cross-country rider of the famous Toronto Hunt Club. This club furnished all the cross-country riders in the annual steeplechases at Toronto, where the best amateur riders in America are to be found. Mr. Brown is the best amateur horseman in the Dominion, and will come here with the hall mark of a Canadian champion upon him. Broadway, a fast horse over fences, and a weight carrier, is in fine form, and will be a contender.

Everyone in St. Louis knows Horace Russell, a thorough gentleman sportsman, from tennis to automobiles. Mr. Russell is known as the Foxhall Keene of St. Louis. He has been a capital bicyclist rider, baseball player, boxer, wrestler, automobilist and horseman.

Mr. Burton, father of Jockey Burton, and one of the best riders in the city, Mr. S. L. Crawford of Montreal will come on to ride his horse in the race. Beauzard is a good horse just now. Mr. Burton says that Mr. Crawford is as fine an amateur rider as there is in America.

Doctor E. A. Schaff has ridden in many races about St. Louis. He is the Tommy Burns of local amateur riders, in that he gets off first in every race he rides. He is a front rider from the word go. He will be on Captain Rice's Varner.

The horses are all sound and fit and the physical condition of several of them better riders than the average professional jockey seen around St. Louis. Mr. Van Studdiford is a crack, while Mr. Bartle, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Russell have also shown their ability on local tracks.

TROPHY TO WINNER.
The Union Jockey Club will present a silver trophy to the rider of the winning horse. The purse will go to the owner of the winner. The distance of the race will be a mile.

Captain Du Cros of the British Army has been asked to ride, and may yet do so on Socapa, Major Morston. His acceptance is expected to-day.

This will be the first of a series of gentlemen's races at Union Park. Later an intercity and an international race will be arranged. In fact, have already been arranged, and dates will be set later. Such horses as the American, Blue, Salsaker, Blush, Labor, Honey, have been offered to gentlemen riders for the international race. The entry of many first-class horses was referred to this race, it being the desire of the management to hold the crack horses for more important races.

GERMAN GAME OF SKAT HAS GROWN IN POPULARITY IN AMERICA

Skat, the favorite pastime of all classes in Germany, is considered by those in a position to know to be the most complicated card game known. To play it properly requires the exercise of one's thinking powers and judgment to a greater degree than any other game, with the exception of chess.

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probably the reason why many now claim that Doctor Hoppel was the discoverer of skat.

In 1886 a convention of skat players was held at Altenburg, Saxony, and this was the first time that systematic rules for playing skat were promulgated. From that time down to the present the game increased in popularity so rapidly that in Germany it is the favorite pastime of all classes, from royalty to peasantry.

The game is favorably looked upon in Europe, judging from the number of treatises which have been written upon the subject.

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